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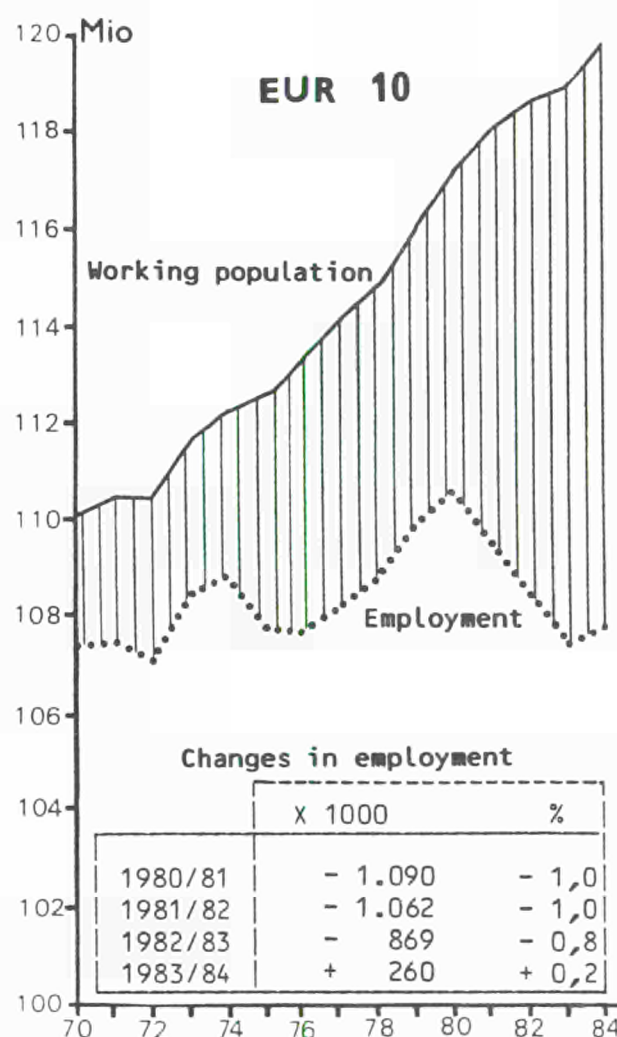
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## EMPLOYMENT IN 1984

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On the basis of the first provisional figures, EUROSTAT estimates that 107,9 million persons were in employment in the European Community in 1984, a rise of 260 000 compared with 1983. This increase of 0.2% is relatively modest, but for the first time the downward trend in employment, which began in 1980, has been arrested. In spite of the loss of over 2.7 million jobs since 1980, this rise in 1984 may give some grounds for optimism as regards future developments.

In 1984 the additional jobs created did not compensate for a further large increase of 900 000 in the working population. As a result the number of unemployed persons in the Community rose by over 5,5% between 1983 and 1984.



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### Symbols and abbreviations

T	Total	Ø	Average
M	Males	:	Not available
F	Females	*	Estimated by Eurostat

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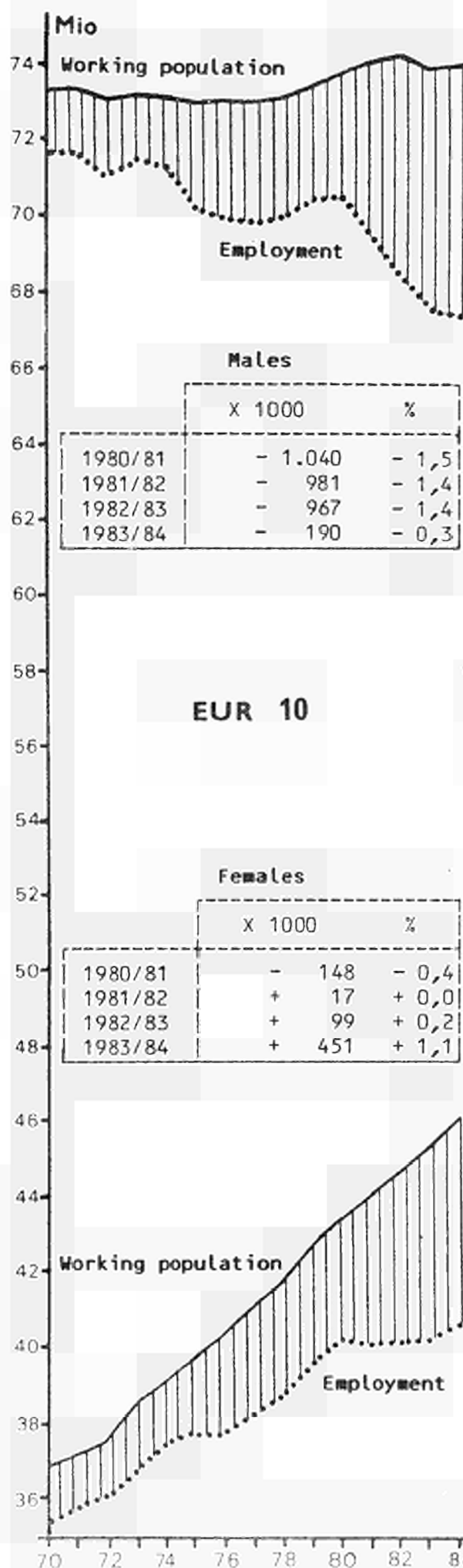
However, at the Community level, a completely different picture emerges if trends in employment and working population are examined separately for men and women. While the fall in male employment of 0.3% in 1984 was not as significant as falls of around 1.5% in each of the previous three years, the loss of male jobs nevertheless continued. In contrast female employment has been rising since 1982.

In 1984 the number of women in employment rose by more than 450 000. This increase not only fully offset male job losses of 190 000, but exceeded them by a large margin. Thus, in the Community, the increase in total employment was due solely to the rise in the number of women in employment.

Employment among women increased in all Member States in 1984 with the exception of Ireland, the largest rise occurring in the United Kingdom. Trends in male employment were more uneven. Falls were recorded in most Member States, the largest in France. The only significant increase in male employment was in Denmark, with smaller increases in the United Kingdom and Italy.

#### Changes in employment by sex 1983/84

	Males		Females	
	X 1000	%	X 1000	%
Deutschland	- 55	-0,4	+ 1	+0,0
France	-231	-1,8	+ 13	+0,2
Italia	+ 29	+0,2	+ 75	+1,1
Nederland	- 30	-0,9	+ 33	+2,0
Belgique	- 8	-0,3	+ 19	+1,4
Luxembourg	- 0,5	-0,5	+ 1,1	+2,1
United Kingdom	+100	+0,7	+278	+2,9
Ireland	- 8	-1,0	- 7	-2,0
Danmark	+ 33	+2,5	+ 25	+2,2
Ellas	- 21	-0,8	+ 13	+1,1

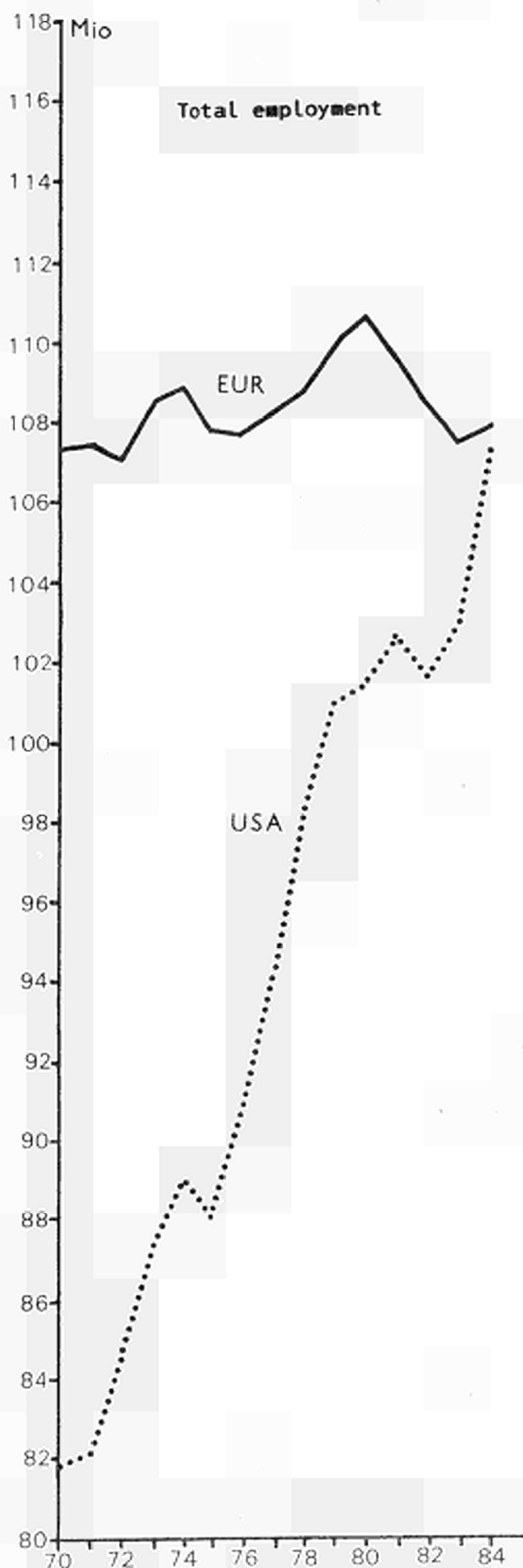




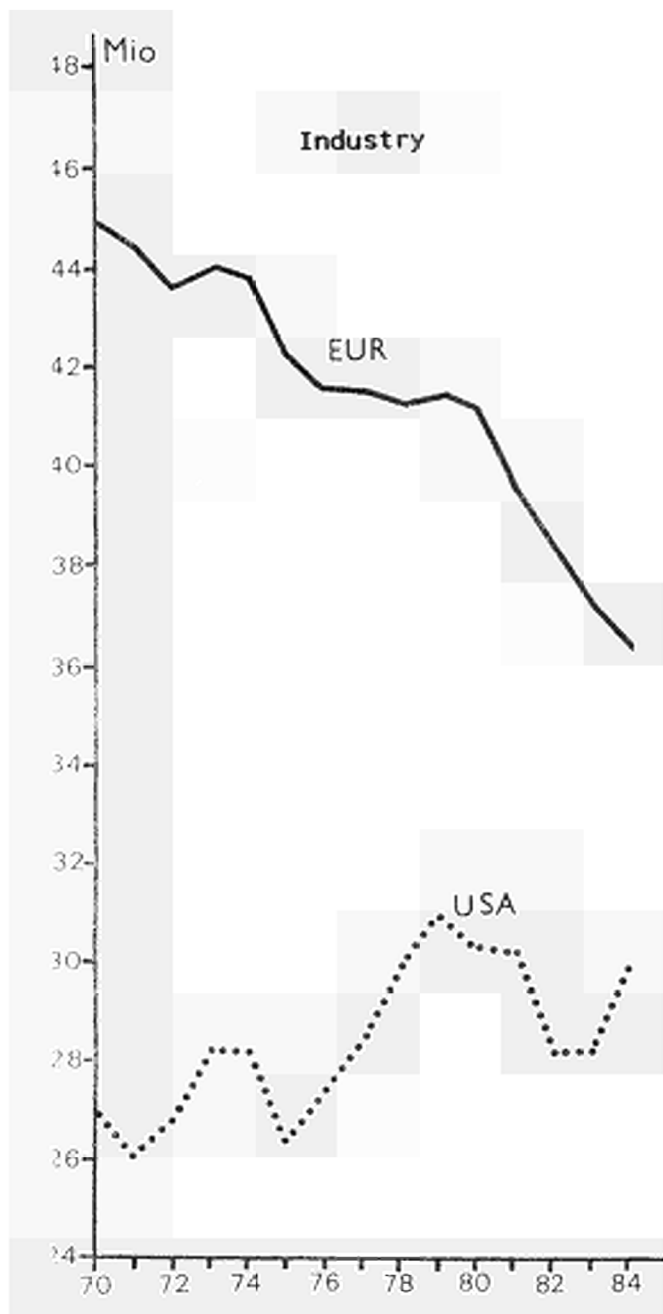
The level of employment in the present Community in 1984 is slightly higher than that in the USA (107,9 million against 107,2 million). However the current Community level is not very different to that recorded in 1970 whereas in the USA in that same year there were only around 82 million persons in employment.

The expansion of employment continued in 1984 in the USA when 4,2 million additional jobs were created compared with only 0,3 million in the Community.

The population of the present Community exceeds that of the USA by 38 million (272 million against 234 million). The share of the working population in the total population is around 44% in the Community compared with a figure of 49% in the USA. Activity rates in the USA are higher in all age groups. The difference is particularly pronounced with regard to older persons. The activity rate of those aged over 65 years in the USA is for example double that in the Community, while in the age group 60-64 years the rate is 40% higher in the USA.

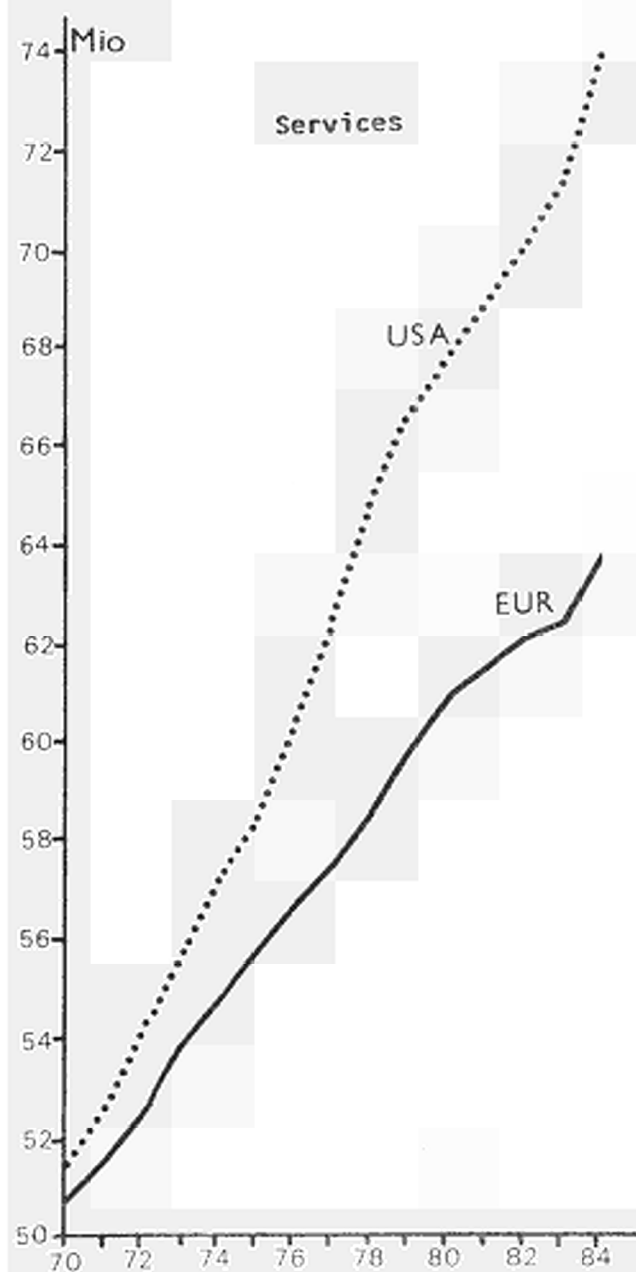






In 1984 over 6,5 million more persons were working in industry in the Community than in the same sector in the USA. The present situation in the Community is however the result of a relatively steady decline since 1970 in employment in this sector. In the USA over the same period, employment in industry has been on a rising trend, although punctuated at intervals by sizable falls.

In sharp contrast, employment in the service sector has grown substantially and consistently in both the Community and in the USA. Starting from approximately the same level in 1970 (51 million) the rate of growth in the number of jobs in the USA has however been considerably higher than in the Community. As a result the level of employment in this sector in 1984 was 11 million higher in the USA than in the Community (73,8 million as opposed to 63,5 million).







# Trends in Employment by Sector of activity

		Changes				
		1980/1984	1980/1981	1981/1982	1982/1983	1983/1984
		(x 1000)	(%)			
<u>TOTAL</u>						
Deutschland	- 1 128	- 0,8	- 1,8	- 1,6	- 0,2	
France	- 405	- 0,5	0,1	- 0,5	- 1,0	
Italia	155	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,5	
Nederland	:	:	- 1,2	- 1,5	0,1	
Belgique	- 154	- 2,0	- 1,4	- 1,0	0,3	
Luxembourg	0	0,3	- 0,3	- 0,3	0,4	
United Kingdom	- 1 334	- 3,9	- 1,8	- 1,3	1,6	
Ireland	- 46	- 0,9	0,2	- 2,0	- 1,3	
Danmark	41	- 1,4	0,2	0,6	2,3	
Ellas	144	4,9	- 1,0	0,5	- 0,2	
EUR 10	- 2 757	- 1,0	- 1,0	- 0,8	0,2	
Espana	- 890	- 2,8	- 0,6	- 0,8	- 3,9	
Portugal	:	1,3	- 0,5	:	- 1,5	
EUR 12	- 3 500	- 0,8	- 0,9	- 0,6	- 0,2	
USA	5 809	1,1	- 0,8	1,3	4,1	
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>						
Deutschland	- 66	- 2,2	- 1,7	- 0,7	- 0,1	
France	- 195	- 3,5	- 2,9	- 2,3	- 2,2	
Italia	- 473	- 5,8	- 7,7	0,2	- 4,0	
Nederland	:	:	0,4	0,0	- 0,4	
Belgique	- 6	- 2,7	- 2,7	0,0	0,0	
Luxembourg	:	- 7,1	- 3,8	- 3,9	:	
United Kingdom	- 26	- 2,0	0,0	- 1,1	- 1,0	
Ireland	- 27	- 6,2	- 1,5	- 2,1	- 3,7	
Danmark	5	3,0	0,5	0,5	- 1,4	
Ellas	12	6,6	- 6,9	4,3	- 2,2	
EUR 10	- 774	- 2,5	- 4,4	- 0,2	- 2,2	
Espana	- 254	- 6,3	0,1	- 2,2	- 4,1	
Portugal	:	- 5,4	- 3,2	:	- 0,5	
EUR 12	- 1 176	- 3,4	- 3,5	- 1,0	- 2,4	
USA	- 60	- 0,3	1,4	- 0,8	- 2,0	
<u>INDUSTRY</u>						
Deutschland	- 1 129	- 2,3	- 3,6	- 3,4	- 1,0	
France	- 745	- 2,5	- 1,6	- 2,6	- 3,3	
Italia	- 656	- 0,7	- 1,6	- 2,3	- 4,2	
Nederland	:	:	- 4,7	- 5,0	- 2,6	
Belgique	- 184	- 6,0	- 4,6	- 3,3	- 1,3	
Luxembourg	:	- 0,8	- 2,5	- 3,1	:	
United Kingdom	- 1 649	- 8,7	- 4,8	- 4,3	- 0,7	
Ireland	- 51	- 2,2	- 2,2	- 6,8	- 3,3	
Danmark	- 39	- 7,5	- 2,7	- 0,2	5,2	
Ellas	- 41	0,7	- 0,2	- 1,6	- 3,0	
EUR 10	- 4 724	- 3,7	- 3,1	- 3,2	- 2,0	
Espana	- 661	- 5,1	- 4,2	- 1,8	- 6,3	
Portugal	:	2,5	2,0	:	- 6,0	
EUR 12	- 5 412	- 3,6	- 3,0	- 3,0	- 2,5	
USA	- 481	- 0,4	- 6,4	0,0	5,8	
<u>SERVICES</u>						
Deutschland	67	0,7	- 0,3	- 0,2	0,4	
France	535	1,2	1,6	1,0	0,4	
Italia	1 285	2,7	2,7	2,0	4,6	
Nederland	:	:	0,2	- 0,2	1,3	
Belgique	36	0,2	0,3	0,0	1,0	
Luxembourg	:	0,7	1,4	1,8	:	
United Kingdom	341	- 1,0	- 0,1	0,4	2,9	
Ireland	32	1,9	2,2	0,8	0,5	
Danmark	77	0,8	1,3	1,0	1,7	
Ellas	171	6,6	2,4	- 0,6	2,6	
EUR 10	2 737	1,0	0,8	0,6	1,9	
Espana	26	0,6	1,8	0,3	- 2,1	
Portugal	:	5,2	- 0,4	:	1,7	
EUR 12	3 089	1,1	0,9	0,9	1,6	
USA	6 183	1,9	1,5	2,0	3,8	



## WORKING POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT 1983 - 1984

Basic data \*

		EUR 10	U S A	EUR 12
<b>POPULATION</b>				
- x 1000	<b>1983</b>	272 425	234 496	320 097
<b>WORKING POPULATION</b>				
- x 1000	<b>1983</b>	119 058	113 749	136 926
	<b>1984</b>	119 953	115 753	137 807
- % Change	<b>1983/1984</b>	+ 0,8	+ 1,8	+ 0,6
- % Proportion of women	<b>1983</b>	38,0	42,8	37,4
	<b>1984</b>	38,4	43,1	37,7
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>				
- x 1000	<b>1983</b>	107 594	103 022	122 712
	<b>1984</b>	107 854	107 214	122 486
- % Change	<b>1983/1984</b>	+ 0,2	+ 4,1	- 0,2
- % Proportion of women	<b>1983</b>	37,3	43,1	36,7
	<b>1984</b>	37,7	43,2	37,0
- By sector (x 1000)	<b>1984</b>			
- Agriculture		7 853	3 469	10 690
- Industry		36 446	29 892	41 231
- Services		63 552	73 853	70 563
- % Proportion of each sector in total employment	<b>1984</b>			
- Agriculture		7,3	3,2	8,7
- Industry		33,8	27,9	33,7
- Services		58,9	68,9	57,6
<b>EMPLOYEES</b>				
- x 1000	<b>1983</b>	89 016	93 274	99 546
	<b>1984</b>	88 920	:	98 960
- By sector (x 1000)	<b>1984</b>			
- Agriculture		1 937	1 699(1)	2 675
- Industry		32 915	24 070(1)	37 118
- Services		54 068	67 505(1)	59 167
- % Proportion of employees in total employment	<b>1984</b>			
- Total		82,4	90,5(1)	80,8
- Agriculture		24,7	48,0(1)	25,0
- Industry		90,3	85,2(1)	90,0
- Services		85,1	94,8(1)	83,8

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<b>POPULATION</b>													
- x 1000	1983	61 423	54 729	56 836	14 366	9 856	366	56 377	3 508	5 114	9 850	38 173	9 499
<b>WORKING POPULATION</b>													
- x 1000	1983	27 486	23 690	23 185	5 717	4 213	160.2	26 577	1 309	2 728	3 993*	13 357	4 511
	1984	27 439	23 830	23 415	5 794	4 223*	161.0	27 002	1 314	2 779*	3 996*	13 378	4 476
- % Change	1983/1984	-0,2	+0,6	+1,0	+1,3	+0,2	+0,5	+1,6	+0,4	+1,9	+0,1	+0,2	-0,8
- % Proportion of women	1983	38,4	40,9	34,3	33,8	38,8	33,0	39,4	29,7	45,6	32,5	30,5	41,6
	1984	38,5	41,4	34,7	34,4	39,2*	33,6	40,1	29,4	45,7*	33,0	30,3	41,5
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>													
- x 1000	1983	25 228	21 729	20 921	5 041	3 632	157,7	23 593	1 125	2 474	3 693*	10 897	4 219
	1984	25 174	21 511	21 025	5 044	3 643*	158,3	23 972	1 110	2 532*	3 685*	10 477	4 155
- % Change	1983/1984	-0,2	-1,0	+0,5	+0,1	+0,3	+0,4	+1,6	-1,3	+2,2	-0,2	-3,9	-1,5
- % Proportion of women	1983	37,9	39,6	31,9	32,9	36,5	32,8	40,9	30,8	45,6	31,0*	29,4	39,1
	1984	38,0	40,1	32,1	33,6	36,9*	33,4	41,4	30,5	45,7*	31,5*	29,0*	39,3
- By sector (x 1000)	1984												
- Agriculture		1 370	1 659	2 426	248	106	:	622	182	205	1 028	1 868	969
- Industry		10 254	6 911	7 043	1 337	1 092	:	7 787	320	672	974	3 397	1 388
- Services		13 550	12 941	11 556	3 458	2 445	:	15 563	608	1 655	1 681	5 213	1 798
- % Proportion of each sector in total employment	1984												
- Agriculture		5,4	7,7	11,5	4,9	2,9*	4,6 (1)	2,6	16,4	8,1*	27,9*	17,8	23,3
- Industry		40,7	32,1	33,5	26,5	30,0*	35,8 (1)	32,5	28,8	26,5*	26,4*	32,4	33,4
- Services		53,8	60,2	55,0	68,6	67,1*	59,6 (1)	64,9	54,8	65,4*	45,6*	49,8	43,3
<b>EMPLOYEES</b>													
- x 1000	1983	22 003	18 297	14 931	4 438	3 006	138,4	21 372	850	2 099	1 882*	7 605	2 925
	1984	21 945	18 145	14 855	4 444	3 010*	139,4	21 478	839	2 162*	1 903*	7 228	2 812
- By sector (x 1000)	1984												
- Agriculture		251	284	873	63	11*	:	340	21	53*	40	521	:
- Industry		9 663	6 322	5 885	1 270	989*	:	7 131	289	608*	704	2 879	:
- Services		12 031	11 539	8 097	3 111	2 010*	:	14 007	529	1 501*	1 159*	3 828	:
- % Proportion of employees in total employment	1984												
- Total		87,2	84,4	70,7	88,1	82,6*	88,1	89,6	75,6	85,3*	51,6	69,0	67,7
- Agriculture		18,3	17,1	36,0	25,4	10,4*	:	54,7	11,5	25,9*	3,9	27,9	:
- Industry		94,2	91,5	83,6	95,0	90,6*	:	91,6	90,3	90,5*	72,3	84,8	:
- Services		88,8	89,2	70,1	90,0	82,2*	:	90,0	87,0	90,7*	68,9	73,4	:

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